

# Kentucky Postsecondary Education Fact Sheet

## Whitley County



### General Population Data

	County	State	US
Total population	35,865	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$22,075	\$33,672	\$41,994
Percent living in poverty	26.4%	14.3%	11.9%
Percent eligible for Medicaid	34.2%	17.5%	N/A
Estimated percent who do not have medical insurance	19.1%	13.3%	14.2%
Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election	54.0%	64.7%	88.7%
Unemployment rate 2004	5.5%	5.3%	5.5%

### Highest Level of Education

Less than a high school diploma or GED	36.9%	25.8%	20.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	31.8%	33.4%	28.6%
Bachelor's degree or above	11.7%	15.6%	22.3%
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county for it to be at the US average			2,827

### College Readiness

	County	State
Average ACT Score	21.0	20.9
Percent underprepared in one or more academic subjects	43.0%	48.2%
Percent underprepared in math	34.8%	34.7%
Percent underprepared in English	30.4%	24.5%

### Educational Pipeline

Public high school graduates in 2004	450
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005	1,239
GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005	66
Number of students from this county who entered postsecondary education in Fall 2004	257
Number of students from this county who earned a bachelor's degree in 2004-05	158

#### Notes:

Total population, median household income, percent living in poverty, and estimated percent who do not have medical insurance are all from the 2000 US Census.

Percent eligible for Medicaid is based on unpublished 2005 eligibility data from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, and US census data.

Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election is from the State Board of Elections.

Unemployment rate 2004 is from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Employment by Sector information is 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The self-employed and certain other workers are not included, and some data have been withheld due to BLS confidentiality rules.

### Employment by Sector

	County	State
Agriculture, Mining & Other Nat. Resources	60	26,378
Manufacturing & Construction	1,652	346,875
Retail, Wholesale, Transportation & Utilities	2,556	368,755
Finance, Professional & Business Services	1,474	276,576
Education & Health Services	2,468	210,961
Government	2,304	289,987
Leisure, Hospitality and Other Services	1,349	206,240

### Undergraduate Enrollments

Institution	Alumni	Fall 2004 Enrollment
University of Kentucky	624	102
University of Louisville	74	19
Eastern Kentucky University	2,059	656
Kentucky State University	0	1
Morehead State University	71	16
Murray State University	18	2
Northern Kentucky University	101	7
Western Kentucky University	36	21
Kentucky Comm. & Tech. College System	375	375
Independent Colleges & Universities	3,254	457
Total from this county	6,612	1,656

### Financial Aid to Students from This County

Financial Aid Type	# Awards	Dollars
Federal Pell Awards	1,028	\$2,623,900
Federal Loans	733	\$3,497,083
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships	528	\$761,673
State Need Based Grants	703	\$1,121,081

Highest Level of Education information is from the 2000 US Census for those aged 18 and older.

College Readiness information is based on ACT or equivalent scores by 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who entered a Kentucky postsecondary institution in Fall 2002.

Public high school graduates in 2004 is from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005 and GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005 are from Kentucky Adult Education.

Financial Aid to Students information is from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

All other information is from the Council on Postsecondary Education.



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